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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EMBASSY

1. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO START WITH A REMARK ABOUT THE BEAUTY AND GRACE OF THE CHANCERY WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO BLEND ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS FROM BOTH THE US AND MEXICO. BECAUSE OF THE SPONGY SUBSOIL OF MEXICO CITY THE EMBASSY WAS BUILT TO RETAIN ITS BALANCE THROUGH A HYDRAULIC PUMPING SYSTEM WHICH TRANSFERS WATER AMONG A NUMBER OF TANKS LOCATED UNDER THE BUILDING. PERHAPS THE SECRETARY COULD USE THIS FACT TO REMARK HUMOROUSLY THAT HE WISHED IT WERE AS EASY TO KEEP THE WORLD ON AN EVEN KEEL AS IT IS THIS BUILDING.

2. THE EMBASSY AND THE NINE CONSULATES FORM THE LARGEST DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN THE WORLD AND EMPLOY OVER 1200 PEOPLE--ABOUT 60 PERCENT MEXICAN CITIZENS. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO USE THIS FACT AS EVIDENCE OF THE INTENSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICO. HE MAY ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY LOCAL MEXICAN EMPLOYEES TO THE SOLUTION OF THE COMMON PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PRAISE
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THEIR ROLE IN PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING.

3. TWENTY SEVEN SEPARATE COMPONENTS REPRESENTING SIX DEPARTMENTS AND TWO AGENCIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT, BESIDES THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ARE REPRESENTED AT THE EMBASSY. THE SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR PRESENCE AND NOTE THAT THE EMBASSY AND ALL US DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND NOT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALONE.

4. THE NEEDS OF OVER 200,000 US CITIZENS
RESIDENCE IN MEXICO AND THE NUMEROUS TOURISTS WHO VISIT
MEXICO ARE SERVED BY THE MISSION'S VERY LARGE CONSULAR
SECTION--OVER 70 OFFICERS COUNTRY-WIDE, MANY OF WHOM ARE
JUST ENTERING A CAREER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. THE
SECRETARY MAY WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSULAR SECTION'S
SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE
THAT THIS TYPE OF WORK HAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. LUCEY

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